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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements and inspections of municipal
2 housing projects.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 403A.3, subsection 8, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 8. To, within its area of operation, enter into any building
4 or property in any municipal housing area in order to make
5 inspections, surveys, appraisals, soundings, or test borings,
6 unless such property is exempt from inspection and regulation
7 under section 403A.11, and to obtain an order for this purpose
8 from a court of competent jurisdiction in the event entry is
9 denied or resisted.

10 Sec. 2. Section 403A.11, Code 2011, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **403A.11 Planning, zoning and building laws — insulation**
13 **requirements.**

14 1. All housing projects of a municipality shall be subject
15 to the planning, and zoning, sanitary and building laws,
16 ordinances and regulations applicable to the locality in which
17 the project is situated. Such housing projects, however,
18 shall be exempt from sanitary and building laws, ordinances,
19 and regulations, including any inspections resulting from such
20 laws, ordinances, and regulations, applicable to the locality
21 in which the project is situated.

22 2. a. All Notwithstanding the exemption from certain
23 sanitary and building laws, ordinances, and regulations
24 under subsection 1, all dwellings which are part of housing
25 projects and which are proposed to be rented to low-income
26 families or the elderly through the programs of the United
27 States department of housing and urban development shall have
28 ceiling insulation having an R value of 38 in the attic,
29 floor insulation having an R value of 20, or perimeter wall
30 insulation having an R value of 10 beneath all habitable
31 heated areas or over unheated spaces. In addition, basement
32 walls shall have insulation with an R value of 6 to their full
33 height, with insulation in the box sill having an R value of
34 20. As used in this section, "R value" means resistance to heat
35 flow.

1 b. The insulation requirements of this section are effective
2 for all dwellings, the construction of which begins on or after
3 July 1, 1991. For dwellings existing or under construction
4 prior to July 1, 1991, the dwelling must comply with the
5 insulation requirements of this section by June 30, 1996.

EXPLANATION

7 This bill exempts municipal housing projects from sanitary
8 and building laws, ordinances, and regulations, including
9 any inspections resulting from such laws, ordinances, and
10 regulations, applicable to the locality in which the project
11 is situated.